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**From:** Joseph Moore  
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**From:** Vernon Crawford [mailto:vacrawford@msn.com]  
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**Subject:** Legislative Update 3/10

The US Senate late today passed the 5-month delayed FY10 (current year for federal government and 2009-2010 for entitlements including schools) omnibus appropriations bill, following much debate of the issue of earmarks. This legislation provides modest recurring increases in ESEA (Titles I-V), IDEA (special ed), and Perkins Career ed programs. We should have details fairly soon (am back in D-C this weekend for an education conference and will likely have numbers then). The Senate was acting under expiration of a continuing resolution that expires tomorrow and threat by the House that the CR would be permanent if the Senate did not approve the bill which was written last October and held until the new Congress and President.

**In good news, passage means that three Palm Beach School District requests have been funded: \$585,000 for the Teacher Mentoring and Training Program; \$300,000 for the Career Education for at-risk and Adjudicated Youth pilot; and \$300,000 for the Youth Gang Prevention project with local law enforcement...thanks to Skip Bafalis and Nancy Engelhardt of Alcalde and Fay and to our Congressional Delegation--Reps. Alcee Hastings, Ron Klein and Robert Wexler who worked on these last summer.**

Meanwhile, little news today on stimulus waivers other than what we advised superintendents yesterday that both waiver approvals and funding distribution would not occur until toward the end of this month. If the pending waiver process for Florida is not complete until later, it means the Florida Legislature will be hard-pressed to push a budget not having specific, finalized federal revenue data in hand. In turn, that could delay the appropriations process wherein we normally see a state budget from both chambers by the end of March-beginning of April. Of course, a third and biggest question is how the Legislature will pursue its FY10 budget, given what will likely still be over a 2-billion gap even with stimulus. Interesting times to say the least. We recognize the uncertainty puts a strain on local district budget development and I'm really hesitant to start speculating any range beyond the governor's flat (same level as FY09) budget and some WCS (Worst Case Scenario). Remember revenue estimating is this Friday. We do expect some serious budget work to start kicking in next week by appropriations committees, however.

Below is an update on today's bill actions in Tallahassee. Reported by one of our services is SB1618, a bill dealing with public buildings, onto which Sen. Mike Bennett--reportedly at the request of some local constitutional officers whose salaries are governed by statute--added an amendment in Senate Community Affairs Committee to freeze salaries of locally **elected** constitutional officers including **school board members and superintendents**. This bill had not involved education before today and is now on our tracking chart. The amendment is attached for your information.

Bill Action Report for 3/10/09

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HB 0077 Relating to Sexual Offenders and Predators (Glorioso)  
 HOUSE Committee Substitute (C1) Text Filed

HB 0115 Relating to Sexual Offenders and Predators (Kiar)  
 HOUSE Not considered by Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council

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- HB 0157 Relating to Service Learning in the Public School System (Kriseman)  
HOUSE Favorable by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays;  
Now in Education Policy Council
- HB 0173 Relating to Juvenile Justice (Adams)  
HOUSE Favorable with CS by Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council;  
7 Yeas, 3 Nays
- SB 0344 Relating to Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law (Rich)  
SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation Committee; 7 Yeas,  
2 Nays
- SB 0360 Relating to Growth Management (Bennett)  
SENATE Not Considered by Policy & Steering Committee on Ways  
and Means
- HB 0379 Relating to Florida Uniform Principal and Income Act (Wood)  
HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee;  
7 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs  
Policy Committee
- HB 0543 Relating to Educational Assessment (Mayfield)  
HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 11 Yeas,  
2 Nays
- HB 0597 Relating to Homelessness (Reed)  
HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Services Policy Committee; 7  
Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Health & Family Services Policy Council
- HB 0717 Relating to Hospitality Education Program (Abruzzo)  
HOUSE On Committee agenda - Insurance, Business & Financial  
Affairs Policy Committee, 03/12/09, 5:15 pm, 404 H
- HB 0745 Relating to Prepaid Services for Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities (Ford)  
HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health Care Services Policy Committee;  
7 Yeas, 0 Nays
- HB 0835 Relating to Gifted and Academically Talented Student Education (Legg)  
HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 13 Yeas,  
0 Nays
- HB 0919 Relating to Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools (Weatherford)  
HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 10 Yeas,  
3 Nays
- SB 1540 Relating to Zero-tolerance Policies/Schools (Wise)  
SENATE Now in Criminal Justice
- SB 1572 Relating to Retirement (Deutch)  
SENATE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Community Affairs Committee;  
7 Yeas, 3 Nays
- SB 2174 Relating to Public K-12 Education/Social Studies Standards (Wise)  
SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12  
Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2232 Relating to High School Graduation (Siplin)  
SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12  
Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2236 Relating to Public School Funding/School District Flexibility (Siplin)  
SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Finance and Tax; Education  
Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee  
on Ways and Means
- SB 2254 Relating to School District Funding (Detert)

SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12  
Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 2386 Relating to Educational Assessment (Dean)  
SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12  
Appropriations

SB 2394 Relating to School Average Class Size (Gaetz)  
SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12  
Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means;  
Rules

SB 2396 Relating to Educational Instruction (Wise)  
SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12  
Appropriations

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